

DIPLOMA STANDARDS – VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HOME INSTRUCTION

Virginia Public School Standard Diploma			Home Instruction
Academic Discipline	Standard Credit ¹	Verified Credit ²	
English	4	2	No requirements in state law. The academic disciplines provided and the structure of the curriculum is decided by the parent. A description of the curriculum is provided to the division superintendent and evidence of academic progress must be provided to the division superintendent each year in order for home instruction to continue.
Mathematics	3	1	
Science	3	1	
History/Social Science	3	1	
Health/Physical Education	2		
Foreign Language, Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education	2		
Economics and Personal Finance	1		
Electives	4		
Student Selected		1	
Total Credits	22	6	

¹A standard unit of credit is awarded when a course is successfully completed.

²A verified unit of credit is awarded when the student successfully completes the course **and** achieves a passing score on a Standards of Learning (SOL) test or substitute assessment approved by the Virginia Board of Education.

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Awarding of Diplomas	<p>Upon successful completion of the credit requirements, a Virginia Board of Education recognized diploma is awarded by a school division.</p>	<p>Diploma could be awarded by the parent or through a correspondence/distance learning program that the parent may choose for home instruction, if such program awards diplomas.</p>
Achievement Tests	<p>For applicable courses, students are required to take and pass an SOL test or state Board approved substitute to earn verified credit needed for graduation.</p> <p>Students must successfully complete a course to receive standard credit. Successful completion is determined by the school division and not all courses for standard credit have an SOL test for verified credit.</p>	<p>Parents are required to provide evidence of progress to the division superintendent that is either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence that the child has attained a composite score in or above the 4th stanine on any nationally normed standardized achievement test or • An evaluation or assessment which the division superintendent determines to indicate academic growth and progress which includes but <u>is not limited to</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An evaluation letter from a licensed teacher or a person with a master’s degree or higher in an academic discipline or ○ A report card or transcript from a community college or college, distance learning program, or home-education correspondence school.